

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1067
By DeBerry J

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Brother Richard
Nathaniel Hogan.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Brother Richard Nathaniel Hogan; and

WHEREAS, R. N. Hogan was an exemplary public servant and faithful preacher who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Brother Hogan served with acumen and alacrity as a minister, in which position he faithfully preached the truth of the Gospel; and

WHEREAS, a talented and enthusiastic orator, R. N. Hogan preached his first sermon, "What Think Ye of Christ? Whose Son Is He?" at Silver Point at the age of fourteen; and

WHEREAS, Richard Hogan married Maggie Bullock of Columbia, Tennessee, on November 28, 1920; and

WHEREAS, Brother Hogan established his first congregation along with Levi Kennedy on the South Side of Chicago in 1930, and he began full-time ministerial work in 1932 at Muskogee, Oklahoma, where he organized and founded a school for preachers; and

WHEREAS, moving to California in 1938, Brother Hogan helped George Pepperdine establish a college for the Churches of Christ called Pepperdine University; and

WHEREAS, in 1937, Richard Hogan conducted a gospel meeting at 110th and Wilmington Street, in Los Angeles, California, and baptized forty-four people; and

WHEREAS, returning to Los Angeles in 1938, Brother Hogan held another gospel meeting and baptized an additional forty people into Christ at 48th Place and Compton Avenue, and he became the minister of this new community of believers; and

WHEREAS, Brother R. N. Hogan and the Figueroa Church of Christ spread the Gospel's good news throughout California and established congregations across the state; they were instrumental in the Myrtle Street, Southside, Alondra Avenue, and Eastside Churches of Christ; and

WHEREAS, under Brother Hogan's capable leadership, the Figueroa Church of Christ grew rapidly, and in 1945, the church moved to 4361 McKinley Avenue in Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the congregation moved to its present location in 1953, and began an expansion project in 1966; the Figueroa Church of Christ built a new auditorium seating 1500 people and constructed fifteen new classrooms; and

WHEREAS, heeding Jesus's call to help the less fortunate, Brother Hogan was instrumental in the creation of the Nigerian Foundation, which educates youth in Nigeria; and

WHEREAS, R. N. Hogan also founded the Los Angeles School of Preaching and provided support for the Southwestern Christian College of Terrell, Texas; and

WHEREAS, donating his time and many talents to numerous worthy organizations, Brother R. N. Hogan served as a member of the Board of Directors for Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Pepperdine University conferred upon Brother Hogan the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree in 1975, and in 1980, Pepperdine honored him at the 37th Annual Bible Lectureship by establishing a ministerial scholarship fund in his name; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, Brother Hogan was given Pepperdine's highest recognition, the Life Achievement Award, during the 44th Annual Bible Lectureship to celebrate the university's 50th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, his many civic and professional accomplishments aside, R. N. Hogan was most thankful for the love and companionship he shared with his wife Maggie, who passed away in September 1996; their marriage was blessed with four children, Alberta, Harold, Dorothy, and the late Margaret who died at an early age; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family, Brother R. N. Hogan always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, R. N. Hogan was preceded in death by his parents, Willie and Emma Cathey Hogan; his devoted wife, Maggie; and a daughter, Margaret; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hogan is survived by two daughters, Alberta White and Dorothy Simpson; a son, Harold Hogan; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; and a host of brothers and sisters in Christ; and

WHEREAS, during his life, R. N. Hogan rendered tireless and faithful service to the Lord and the Churches of Christ, fulfilling his God-given mission by sharing and living according to spiritual principles; his labors in the vineyards of the Lord have borne much fruit; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hogan leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Brother Richard Nathaniel Hogan, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Brother Hogan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.